IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

5/A

In re application of:

Date: February 29, 2000

O. Doude, et al.

IBM Corporation

Serial No.:

Dept. T81/Bldg. 062

Filed: herewith

P.O. Box 12195

Title: Method and System for

Research Triangle Park, NC 27709

Optimally Selecting a Web

Firewall in a TCP/IP Network

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the initial review, please amend the enclosed application for patent as follows:

In the Specification:

Page 1, line 15: please replace "language" with --protocol--.

Page 2, line 6: Please change "use" to --user--, insert --the-- after "integrates" and replace "format" with --formatting--.

Page 2, line 14: Please change "sound" to --audio-- and change "graphics" to -- image (graphics)--.

Page 3, line 18: Please insert --servers-- after "Web".